

Cyclones: what to do

A guide for parents and carers

If a cyclone develops in our area, the [Emergency WA](#) app or [emergency.wa.gov.au](https://www.emergency.wa.gov.au) is the fastest and most accurate way to get trusted alerts and warnings.

The app is available in the [App Store](#) or [Google Play](#) – check it now.

What you need to do next depends on the status of the cyclone alert.

Advice

What it means

- There is no immediate threat.
- School is open and students are expected to attend.

What to do

- Start preparing for cyclone weather.
- Make plans to collect students if alert moves to Watch and Act.



Watch and Act – Students will not be sent home without instructions from carers.

What it means

- There is a possible threat to lives or buildings.
- If the alert is issued before noon, the school will close at lunchtime.
- If the alert is issued after noon, the school will close at normal time.
- If the alert is issued after 2 pm, the school will be closed the following day.
- Bus times may change.

What to do

- Protect yourself and others.
- Collect students from school when notified (or at normal home time if alert is after 2 pm).
- Monitor school communications and Emergency WA for closure and reopening information.



Emergency Warning

What it means

- There is a threat to lives and buildings.
- School is closed and will remain closed until declared safe.

What to do

- Protect yourself and others.
- Stay home and do not enter school grounds.
- Monitor school communications and Emergency WA for reopening information.



After the cyclone

Even if all warnings have been lifted, staff and students must not return to school site until the school has been inspected, declared safe and cleared for reopening. Monitor school communications and Emergency WA for reopening information.